STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS



April 26, 2006

Secretary Robert Genaurio: Office of Policy and Management 450 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Genaurio:

As I am sure you recall, on April 10, 2006, the Governor wrote to the Chairman of the Governor's Commission for the Diversification of Southeastern Connecticut with a response to the Commission's March 31, 2006 Interim Report.

In that report the Governor committed to have the Office of Policy and Management begin working with the Homeland Security and Defense Subcommittee of the Commission to prepare the specifications on an RFP for bids for a one-year pilot for potential consultants who would assist the State and members of our Congressional Delegation in identifying, securing and advocating for opportunities in military and homeland security matters, as well as keeping the state abreast of such issues. Cost for the pilot is not to exceed \$120,000 and the project will be reviewed toward the end of the contractual year to assess the value and success of the pilot.

While we understand that the legislative session makes action in the next few days difficult, we would appreciate if in the first few weeks after the end of the legislative session you could begin discussions with the Co-chairmen of the Subcommittee to begin the process of preparing the RFP. The Co-Chairmen are:

Gary Bennett, Vice-Chairman of the Commission, 860-535-3432 John Markowicz, Executive Director of SECTER, 860-431-4659, ext. 201 Tony Sheridan, President of the Eastern CT Chamber of Commerce, 861-464-7373

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter. Kindly keep me up to

date on this process and feel free to contact me if there is anything our office can do to facilitate this event and make it a success.

Sincerely

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